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SUBJ: TANZANIAN BOYCOTT OF BURUNDI GOODS

REF: BUJUMBURA 703 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: TANZANIAN BOYCOTT BURUNDI GOODS CONTINUES.

RECEIVES SUPPORT IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HIGHLY UNLIKELY

TANZANIAN TROOPS "MASSING" AT BORDER AS ALLEGED BY GOB.

END SUMMARY.

2. BOYCOTT OF BURUNDI GOODS CONTINUED IN EFFECT AS OF LATE
AFTERNOON JULY 11. EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO SPENDS CONSIDER-
ABLE TIME CLEARING GOODS THROUGH PORT REPORTS THAT ALL FREIGHT
DESTINED FOR BURUNDI AND ALL CARGO MARKED VIA BUJUMBURA OR
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BURUNDI BUT DESTINED FOR OTHER LOCATIONS IS NOT BEING HAXNDLED.

CARGO CLEARLY LABELLED FOR DESTINATION OTHER THAN BURUNDI AND NOT CONTAINING MARKINGS INDICATING BURUNDI TRANSIT IS MOVING NORMALLY. BURUNDI CARGO ALREADY IN PORT AREA BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF BOYCOTT IS BEING LEFT UNTOUCHED. BURUNDI FREIGHT ON SHIPS IN HARBOR IS NOT BEING DISCHARGED AND, WITH INCREASINGLY FREQUENCY, SHIPS ARE DEPARTING DAR ES SALAAM WITH CARGO STILL ON BOARD. DOCKWORKERS, AND IMPLICITLY GOT, ARE CONTINUING TO INSIST ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE FROM GOB FOLLOWING JUNE 29-30 BORDER INCIDENT. IN JULY 11 SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TWO MEMBERS VOICED FULL SUPPORT FOR DOCKWORKER ACTION. ONE COMMENTED: "BURUNDI INVASION MUST BE DENOUNCED STRONGLY, GOVERNMENT HAD TO STATE IN CLEAR TERMS THAT DAR ES SALAAM AND KIGOMA DOCKWORKERS WERE FULLY SUPPORTED".

3. ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN MICOMBERO'S JULY 9 TELEGRAM TO NYERERE (BUJUMBURA 704) CONCERNING "MASSING" OF TANZANIAN TROOPS APPEARS TO US TO BE MOST UNLIKELY. DURING VISIT TO KIGOMA REGION JUNE 5-6 BY EMB OFF, THERE WAS NOTABLE ABSENCE TPDF PERSONNEL IN AREA (DAR A-133). IN FACT, SEVERAL MEMBERS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM KIGOMA REGION WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL IN MID-JUNE OF THIS LACK OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN AREA. ALTHOUGH GOT MAY HAVE MOVED SOME OF PERSONNEL FROM 3RD BATTALION IN TABORA TO KIGOMA, IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY GOVERNMENT WILLING OR ABLE TO DEPLOY LARGE NUMBERS IN THIS FASHION. DURING JULY 11 SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MEMBER FOR MANYOVU, KIGOMA REGION, COMPLAINED THAT TPDF BATTALION STATIONED AT TABORA DID NOTHING TO SAVE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO WERE RECENTLY KILLED BY BURUNDI TROOPS. SUCH PRESSURE MAY NOW REQUIRE TPDF TO STATION TOKEN PRESENCE IN KIGOMA REGION TO SUPPLEMENT FIELD FORCE UNIT AND PEOPLE'S MILITIA MENTIONED DAR A-133. DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SERVICE MINISTER SOKOINE STATED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 11 THAT "WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN KIGOMA IS GREAT LESSON TO ALL TANZANIANS THAT THERE IS NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEFENSE AT BORDER VILLAGES".

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